



Compline Prayers



Prayers:

Leader: The God of peace grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

People: **Amen.**

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **the maker of heaven and earth.**

Leader: The angels of God guard us through the night,

People: **and quiet the powers of darkness.**

Leader: The Spirit of God be our guide,

People: **to lead us to peace and to glory.**

Leader: It is but lost labour that we haste to rise up early,
and so late take our rest, and eat the bread of anxiety.

People: **For those beloved of God are given gifts
even while they sleep.**

Confession:

Leader: We have wounded your love.

People: **O God, heal us.**

Leader: We stumble in the darkness.

People: **Light of the world, transfigure us.**

Leader: We forget that we are your home.

People: **Spirit of God, dwell in us.**

Leader: Eternal Spirit,

People: living God,

in whom we live and move and have our being,
all that we are, have been, and shall be
is known to you.

In the very secret of our hearts
you know all that rises to trouble us.

Living flame, burn into us.

Cleansing wind, blow through us.

Fountain of water, well up within us;
that we may love and praise
in deed and in truth. Amen.

Hymn:

Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That with thy wonted favour thou
Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our eyes,
From nightly fears and fantasies;
Tread under foot our ghostly foe,
That no pollution we may know.

O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son;
Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,
Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

The Lord is my shepherd; *I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil* for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; * you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
**As it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever.
Amen.**

Scripture Reading- 2 Corinthians 4:6-10

Leader: It is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Antiphon:

Leader: Into your hands, O God, I commend my spirit;

People: **For you have redeemed me, O God of truth and love.**

Leader: Keep us, O God, as the apple of your eye;

People: **Hide us under the shadow of your wings.**

Leader: Preserve us, O God, waking,

People: **and guard us sleeping;
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep we may rest in peace.**

The Song of Simeon (Luke 2:29-32):

**Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace
According to thy word.**

**For mine eyes have seen thy salvation
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;**

**To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of
thy people Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.
World without end Amen.**

Antiphon:

Leader: Preserve us, O God, waking,
People: **and guard us sleeping;
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep we may rest in peace.**

The Apostles' Creed:

People: **I believe in God
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy**

**Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer:

Leader: Lord it is night.
The night is for stillness.
Let us be still in the presence of God.
It is night after a long day.
What has been done has been done;
what has not been done has not been done;
let it be.
The night is dark.
Let our fears of the darkness of the world
and of our own lives rest in you.
The night is quiet.
Let the quietness of your peace enfold us,
all dear to us, and all who have no peace.

The night heralds the dawn.
Let us look expectantly to a new day,
new joys, new possibilities.
In your name we pray. **Amen.**

Come, O Spirit of God, and make within us
your dwelling place and home.
May our darkness be dispelled by your light,
and our troubles calmed by your peace;
may all evils be redeemed by your love,
all pain transformed through the suffering of
Christ, and all dying glorified by his risen life.
Amen.

(invitation to offer prayer requests)

Keep watch, dear God,
with those who work, or watch, or weep this
night,
and give your angels charge over those who sleep.
Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary,
bless the dying, soothe the suffering,
pity the afflicted, shield the joyous;
and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

O God, your unfailing providence
sustains the earth which nurtures us and the life
we live: watch over those, both night and day,
who work while others sleep,
and grant that we may never forget
that our common life depends upon each other's
toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Leader: For the peace of the whole world, we pray to you:

People: **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For those who are weary, sleepless, or depressed,
we pray to you:

People: **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For those who are hungry, sick, or frightened,
we pray to you:

People: **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For rest and refreshment, we pray to you:

People: **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Gracious God, support us all the day long of this
earthly life, until the shadows lengthen and the
evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the
fever of life is over,
and our work is done.

Then, O God, in your mercy,
grant us safe lodging, a holy rest,
and peace at the last;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect:

Leader: Look down, O God, from your heavenly throne,
and illumine this night with your celestial
brightness; that by night as by day
your people may glorify your holy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Leader: I will lie down in peace and take my rest,
People: **for it is in God alone that I dwell unafraid.**

Leader: May God's name be praised beyond the furthest star,
People: **glorified and exalted above all for ever.**

The Lord's Prayer:

People: **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Leader: The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last. **Amen.**